

## Review:

- A Better Blessing: Description of Kingdom Citizens (5:1-16).
- A Better Law: The Nature of Internal Laws for Kingdom Citizens (5:17-6:18).
- A Better Livelihood: Living on Earth as Kingdom Citizens (6:19-34).
- A Better Community: Living with One Another as Kingdom Citizens (7:1-13).
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### Beware the Wolves along the Way Matthew 7:15-23

## Text:

Matthew 7:15–23 (NASB95)

<sup>15</sup>“Beware of the false prophets,  
who come to you in sheep’s clothing,  
but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

<sup>16</sup>“You will know them by their fruits.

Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? <sup>17</sup>“So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>“A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree

produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup>“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>20</sup>“So then, you will know them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

<sup>22</sup>“Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup>“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’

Introduction:

Outline:

I. The \_\_\_\_\_: Beware the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15).

A. What are we to do?

B. Why are we to do it?

C. How are we to do it?

II. The \_\_\_\_\_: Behold their \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 16-20).

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16).

B. An inspection (v. 17-18).

C. A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19).

D. A conclusion (vv. 20).

III. The \_\_\_\_\_: Inspect fruit \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21-23)

A. Fruit does not equal a good \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21).

B. Fruit does not equal supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22).

C. Fruit equals \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father in heaven (v. 23).